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The Adventures of ALPHONSO and MARINA; an interesting Spanish Tale.

[Concluded.]

MARCELLO immediately gave orders for the removal of Alphonso from the dungeon into a less hedious place of security. He took care he should want for nothing, and returned home to prepare for his journey, the next day, when a most alarming event prevented his departure and hastened the delivery of Alphonso.

Some Algerine galleys, which had for several days pursued the ship on board of which Don Alphonso was, had arrived on the coast, some time after the shipwreck; and, willing to repay themselves for the trouble they had taken, had determined to land, during the night. Two renegadoes, who knew the way undertook to conduct the barbarians to the village of Gadara, and fulfilled their promise but too well.

About one in the morning when Labour enjoys repose, and Villainy wakes to remorse, the dreadful cry to arms! to arms! was now heard.

The Corsairs had landed, and were burning and slaughtering all before them. The darkness of the night, the groans of the dying, and the shrieks of the inhabitants, filled every heart with consternation. The trembling wives caught their husbands in their arms; and the old men sought succour from their sons. In a moment the village was in flames, the light of which discovered the gorey scymitars and white turbans of the Moors.

Those barbarians, the flambeau in one hand and the hatchet in the other, were breaking and burning the doors of the houses; making way thro' the smoking ruins, to seek for victims or for plunder, and returning covered with blood, and loaded with booty.

Here they rush into the chamber, to which two lovers, the bride and bridegroom of the day, had been conducted by their mother.—Each, on their knees, side by side, was pouring forth thanks to Heaven, for having crowned their faithful wishes. An unfeeling wretch remorseless, seizes the terrified bride; loads her unhappy lover, whom in cruelty he spares, with chains; and snatches before his face, in spite of his distraction, his tears, prayers, and exclamations, that prize which was due to him alone.

There they take the sleeping infant from its cradle. The mother, frantic, defends it singly, against a host. Nothing can repel nothing can terrify her. Death she braves and provokes. For her child she supplicates, threatens, and combats; while the tender infant, already seized by these tigers, starts, wakes, stares, with the wild agony of terror, on the grim visage of its murderer,

and sinks into convulsive horror and sleep, from which it wakes no more.

Nothing is held sacred by these monsters. They force their way into the temples of the Most High, break the shrines, strip off the gold, and trample the holy relics under foot. Alas! of what avail to the priests their sacred character, to the aged their grey hairs, to youth its graces, or to infancy its innocence? Slavery, fire, devastation, and death are every where, and compassion is fled.

On the first alarm the Alcaid made all haste to the prison to inform Don Alphonso of the danger. The brave Alphonso demanded a sword for himself and a buckler for the Alcaid. He takes Marina by the hand, and making his way to the market-place thus accosts the fugitives: "My friends, are ye Spaniards, and do you abandon your wives and children to the fury of the infidels?"

He stops, he rallies them, inspires them with his own valour, and, more than human, (for he is a lover, and a hero) rushes, sabre in hand, on a party of the Moors, whom he instantly disperses. The inhabitants recover their recollection and their courage; enraged, behold their slaughtered friends; and hasten in crowds to join their leader.

Alphonso, without quitting Marina, and ever solicitous to expose his life in her defence, attacks the barbarians, at the head of his brave Spaniards, and dealing destruction to all who make resistance, drives the fugitives before him, retakes the plunder and the prisoners, and only quits the pursuit of the enemy to extinguish the flames.

The day began to break, when a body of troops, who had received information of the descent of the infidels, arrived from a neighbouring town. The governor had put himself at their head and found Don Alphonso surrounded by women, children, and old men; who, weeping, kissed his hands, with unfeigned gratitude, for having preserved their husbands, their fathers, and their children.

The governor, informed of the exploits of Don Alphonso, loaded him with praises and carresses; but Marina, requesting to be heard, declared to the governor, in presence of the whole village, her sex; giving at the same time a relation of her adventures, the death of the bravo by Don Alphonso, and the circumstances which rendered him excusable.

All the inhabitants, greatly affected with her story, fell at the feet of the governor, intreating pardon for the man to whom they were indebted for their preservation. Their request was granted, and the happy Alphonso, thus restored to his dear Marina, em-

braced the governor, and blessed the good inhabitants. One of the old men then advanced: "Brave stranger," said he, "you are our deliverer, but you take from us our Alcaid; this loss perhaps outweighs your benefit. Double our blessings; instead of depriving us of our greatest, remain in this village content to become our Alcaid, our master, our friend. Honour us so far, as to permit nothing to abate our love for you.—In a great city, the cowardly and the wicked, who maintain the same rank with yourself, will think themselves your equals; while, here, every virtuous inhabitant will look on you as his father; next to the Deity himself, you will receive, from us, the highest honour; and, while life remains on the anniversary of this day, the fathers of our families will present their children before you saying, "behold the man who preserved the lives of your mothers."

Alphonso was enchanted while he listened to the old man. "Yes," cried he, "my children, yes, my brethren, I will remain here. My life shall be devoted to Marina and to you, but my wife has considerable possessions in Granada. Our excellent governor will add his interest to ours that we may recover them, and they shall be employed to rebuild the houses which the Infidels have burnt. On this condition alone, will I accept the office of Alcaid; and though I should expend, in your service, both my riches and my life, I should still be your debtor; for it is you who have restored to me my beloved Marina!"

Imagine the transports of the good villagers while Don Alphonso spoke. The governor was a person of great power, and undertook to arrange every thing to his wish; and, two days after the marriage was celebrated between Marina and her lover.

Notwithstanding their late misfortunes, nothing could exceed the joy of the inhabitants. The two lovers long lived in unexampled felicity; and made the whole district as virtuous and happy as themselves.

For the WEEKLY MUSEUM.

FRIENDSHIP.

TRUE Friendship is the very essence of human happiness, and is a sacred bond of union formed between two or more persons, whose inclinations and interests are nomilar one to the other. It often arises from trivial occurrences, and becomes permanent, and lasting according to the stability of the parties.

Amongst the many blessings attending mankind, I know none equal to a true friend. What a secret pleasure do we feel to find a person to whom we can impart the inmost recesses and secrets of our hearts, without being under any apprehensions of being exposed. The ties of Nature are no-

thing when compared with the bonds of Friendship. In deep distress or sickness, when Nature appears dull and gloomy, and conspiring against our happiness and repose: Or when Death with all its horrid retinue of unexperienced consequences, stares us full in the face, and bids us prepare for futurity. With what composure of mind do we receive the advice and good offices of a sympathizing friend? 'Tis then we feel its benign influence, unknown to those who never experience the pleasure arising from it: 'Tis then our hearts glow with gratitude, and are filled with tender compassion for our benefactors.

How much therefore ought we to cultivate and improve this inestimable blessing, and inculcate it upon the minds of one another as highly necessary in every sphere of life.

It is in our power to live happy if we make a judicious choice of our friends: But without such a choice it is impossible. Let therefore friends bind themselves in the bond of true and lasting Friendship, and resolve to live happy in defiance of a malicious and censorious world.

New-York, Dec. 16, 1791.

For the WEEKLY MUSEUM.

A BROAD HINT.

YOUNG Corydon it is to you
I now direct my lay,
And likewise Ignis Fatuus too,
Attend to what I say.

To reprimand I do not wish,
But to advise I mean.

In cases nice,
Take some advice,
Ye Bards of Old Christeen.

You'll never shine
In Poet's line,
I judge from what I've seen,
You waste your time,
In making rhyme,
On silly, Old Christeen.

Shou'd you acquire
Poetic fire,
Then choose a theme sublime,
Nor let Christeen,
The Cookey Queen,
Take up your precious time.

Again I say,
And hope you may
Desist from your fond theme,
Unless Christeen,
Has always been
The first in your esteem.

But if you will,
Continue still,
To stick to Old Christeen,
You'll prove yourselves,
As silly elves
As ever has been teen.

Dec. 15. 1791.

AMYNTA.

For the WEEKLY MUSEUM.

Mr. Harrisson,

THE many alarming instances of fire, which have lately happened in this city, and the great disadvantages we labour under for the want of water in these cases, has induced me to propose a method, which, in my opinion, if it is put in execution, will in a great measure relieve us from those inconveniencies. I would therefore propose that the Corporation allow a certain sum of money to the first Tea-water-man that shall appear with his cask of water at a fire, and for the second in proportion, and allow each Tea-water-man a certain compensation for their services, by this means I

think, we shall get a larger supply of water. It cannot be reasonably expected that those persons will come forward at any hour of the night with their horses and carts, without any reasonable compensation. It may be objected to by some as attended with great expence. I answer that the expence will be but trifling considering the great advantage we shall derive from it; and in my humble opinion, the expence in one year would not be so much as one public dinner on the 25th of November, and if that dinner was dispensed with, there would be an overplus of money sufficient to build a depository for those buckets that generally are thrown in Federal-hall after a fire.

New-York, Dec. 15.

A FIREMAN.

For the WEEKLY MUSEUM.

To IGNIS FATUUS.

TO stop thy chat
My good Ig. Fat.
And hush thy babbling noise:
Lo! from the dead
I lift my head,
And raise again my voice.

Long should I slept,
And fairly crept
To nothingness again,
Did not thy lays
New conflicts raise,
And fire once more my brain.

True 'tis confess,—
'Mongst all the rest
Of rhyming souls I sung,
New verses made,
Tun'd pip'd and bray'd,
And went the fools among.

Dear Delia coy,
My muse's joy,
I sang in lofty lines;
Made her more fair
Than angels are,—
More worth than India's mines.

Convinc'd at last
Of follies past,—
Resolv'd more wise to be,
Quite tune bereft
My conch* I left
To other fools and thee.

Tho' rhyming ripe
I dropt my pipe,—
No more my gambols play'd:
My case revolv'd,
And then resolv'd
To seek again the shade.

But since my muse
Did first refuse,
A song to greet your eyes;
To cheer the plains
With melting strains,
New Corydons could rise.†

Well—let them write,
And songs indite
For any fair ones sake
Yet never think
Thy rhyming clink
Can ever "mine them make."

So dash your wit
Until you split,
Thou mighty man of rhymes!
Sing songs of joy,—
Each hour employ
In making gingling chimes;—

* Alluding to the musical practice of blowing the conch-shell.

† See the Museum of the 3d instant.

Wide swell your throat;—
Loud chaunt each note,—
Rave, rant, and madly roar:—
Mildly shall I
Stand silent by
And tune my pipe no more.

My scribbling name
I no more claim,—
Its use I freely spare;
Right glad I'd be
To give it thee
O! Jack o'lantern rare!

Then laugh would I
To hear folks cry
When thou some tale had told,
"The gentle muse
"In this day's news,
"Is

CORYDON of OLD."

Dec. 14. 1791.

For the WEEKLY MUSEUM.

Mr. Harrisson,

By giving the following Anecdote a place in your next issue Museum you'll oblige your old inmate
Dec. 9. JACK BOWSPRIT.

ANECDOTE.

AT the time of the late fire of Hallet's workshop, in John-street, next the Theatre, a Certain Mr. ———, passing negligently up John-Street, stopped at a rank formed in Nassau-street, and enquired of a bye-stander where the fire was. "It is Mr. Hallet's workshop," said the Tar. "I am very sorry for it," said he "I was in great hopes it was the Play-house"—The honest son of Neptune, who had been highly entertained with the Tempest, which was acted that evening, felt his rough, tho' generous nature hurt by so uncharitable a wish, immediately foused a couple of buckets of water over him, exclaiming "take that, and that, you bloody Caliban son of a b---ch, and before you assume the name of a Christian learn Humanity."

NEW-YORK, December 10.

Copy of a letter from Major General St. Clair, to the Secretary for the Department of War.
Fort Washington, Nov. 9, 1791.

SIR,

YESTERDAY afternoon the remains of the army under my command got back to this place, and I have now the painful task to give you an account of as warm, and as unfortunate an action as almost any that has been fought, in which every corps was engaged and worked, except the first regiment, that had been detached upon a service I had the honour to inform you of in my last dispatch, and had now joined me.

On the 3d inst. the army had reached a creek about twelve yards wide running to the southward of well, which I believe to have been the river St. Mary, that empties from the Miami of the lake, arrived at the village about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, having marched near nine miles, and were immediately encamped upon a very commanding piece of ground in two lines, having the above-mentioned creek in front, the right wing composed of Butler's, Clark's, and Patterson's battalions commanded by Major-General Butler formed the first line, and the left wing consisted of Bendinger's and Gaither's battalions, and the second regiment commanded by Colonel Drake formed the second line, with an interval between them of about twenty yards, which was all the ground would allow.

The right flank was pretty well secured by the creek, a steep bank, and Faulkner's corps, some

of the cavalry and their picquets covered the left flank—the militia were thrown over the creek and advanced about one quarter of a mile, and encamped in the same order; there were a few Indians who appeared on the opposite side of the creek, but fled with the utmost precipitation on the advance of the militia; at this place, which I judged to be about 15 miles from the Miami village, I had determined to throw up a slight work, the plan of which was concerted that evening with Major Ferguson, wherein to have deposited the men's knapsacks and every thing else that was not of absolute necessity, and to have moved on to attack the enemy as soon as the first regiment was come up, but they did not permit me to execute either, for on the 4th, about half an hour before sun rise, and when the men had been just dismissed from the parade, (for it was a constant practice for to have them all under arms a considerable time before day-light) an attack was made upon the militia; those gave way in a very little time, and rushed into camp, through Major Butler's battalion, which, together with part of Clark's they threw into considerable disorder, and which, notwithstanding the exertions of both those officers, was never altogether remedied, the Indians followed close to their heels; the fire, however, of the front line checked them, but almost instantaneously a heavy attack began upon that line, and in a few minutes it was extended to the second likewise; the great weight of it was directed against the centre where the artillery was placed, and from which the men were repeatedly driven with great slaughter; finding no great effect from our fire, and confusion beginning to spread from the great number of men who were falling in all quarters, it became necessary to try what could be done by the bayonet.

Lieut. Col. Darke was accordingly ordered to make a charge, with a part of the second line, and to turn the left flank of the enemy. This was executed with great spirit. The Indians instantly gave way, and were driven back three or four hundred yards: but for want of a sufficient number of riflemen to pursue this advantage, they soon returned and the troops were obliged to give back in their turn. At this moment, they had entered our camp by the left flank, having pursued back the troops that were posted there.

Another charge was made here by the second regiment, Butler's and Clark's battalions, with equal effect, and it was repeated several times, and always with success—but in all of them many men were lost, and particularly the officers, which with some raw troops, was a loss altogether irremediable. In that I just spoke of, made by the second regiment, and Butler's battalion, Major Butler was dangerously wounded, and every officer of the second regiment fell, except three, one of which, Mr. Groaton, was shot through the body.

Our artillery being now silenced, and all the officers killed, except Captain Ford, who was badly wounded, more than half of the army fallen, being cut off from the road, it became necessary to attempt the regaining it, and to make a retreat if possible. To this purpose, the remains of the army was formed as well as circumstances would admit, towards the right of the encampment; from which, by the way of the second line, another charge was made upon the enemy, as if with the design to turn their flank—but, in fact, to gain the road: this was effected; and as soon as it was open, the militia took along it, followed by the troops—Major Clark, with his battalion covering the rear.

The retreat, in those circumstances, was, (you may be sure) a very precipitate one.—It was in fact a flight. The camp and the artillery were abandoned, but that was unavoidable, for not a horse was left alive to have drawn it off, had it otherwise been practicable. But the most disgrace-

ful part of the business, is, that the greatest part of the men threw away their arms and accoutrements, even after the pursuit, which continued about four miles, had ceased.

The route continued quite to Fort Jefferson, twenty nine miles, which was reached a little after sun setting.

The action began about a half an hour before sun-rise, and the retreat was attempted at half an hour after nine o'clock.

I have not yet been able to get returns of the killed and wounded, but Major-General Butler; Lieutenant Colonel Oldham, of the militia, Major Ferguson, Major Hart, and Major Clark, are among the former. Col. Sargent my Adjutant-General, Lieut. Colonel Gibson, Major Butler, and the Viscount Malerite who served me as Aide-Camp, among the latter, and a great number of Captains and Subalterns in both.

Taking a view of the situation of the broken troops at Fort Jefferson, and that there were no provisions in the fort I called on the field officers, viz. Lieut. Col. Darke, Major Hamtrick, Major Zeigler, and Major Gaither, together with the Adjutant General, for their advice what would be proper further to be done; and it was their unanimous opinion, that the addition of the first regiment unbroken as it was, did not put the army on so respectable a footing as it was in the morning, because a great part of it was now unarmed—that it had been then found unequal to the enemy, and should they come on, which was probable, would be found so again that the troops could not be thrown into the fort, both because it was too small, and that there were no provisions in it.

That provisions were known to be upon the road at the distance of one or at the most two marches, that therefore it would be proper to move without loss of time to meet the provisions, when the men might have the sooner an opportunity of some refreshment, and that a proper detachment might be sent back with it, to have it safely deposited in the fort. This advice was accepted, and the army was put in motion again at ten o'clock, and marched all night, and the succeeding day met with a quantity of flour, part of it was distributed immediately, part taken back to supply the army on the march to Fort Hamilton, and the remainder about fifty horse loads, sent forward to Fort Jefferson. The next day a drove of cattle was met with for the same place; and I have information that both got in. The wounded who had been left at that place, were ordered to be brought here by the return of the horses.

I have said sir, in a former part of this letter, that we were overpowered by numbers; of that however, I have no other evidence: but the weight of the fire, which was always a most deadly one, and generally delivered from the ground, few of the enemy shewing themselves a foot, except when they were charged, and that in a few minutes our whole camp, which extended above three hundred and fifty yards in length, was entirely surrounded and attacked on all quarters.

The loss, Sir, the public has sustained, by the fall of so many officers, particularly General Butler and Major Ferguson, cannot be too much regretted; but it is a circumstance that will alleviate the misfortune in some measure, that all of them fell most gallantly doing their duty. I have had very particular obligations to many of them, as well as to the survivors; but to none more than to Colonel Sergeant. He has discharged the various duties of his office, with zeal, with exactness, and with intelligence; and on all occasions afforded me every assistance in his power; which I have also received from my Aid-de-camp, Lieut. Denny, and the Viscount Malerite, who served with me in the station as a volunteer.

With every sentiment of respect and regard, I

have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

ARTHUR ST. CLAIR.

The Hon. Major General Knox
Secretary of War.

R. S. Some orders that had been given to Col. Oldham over night, and which were of much consequence, were not executed, and some very material intelligence was communicated by Capt. Slough to Gen. Butler in the course of the night, before the action, which was never imparted to me, nor did I hear of it, until after my arrival here.

The following is a list of the officers said to be killed and wounded.

Killed—General Butler, Colonel Oldham.—Majors Ferguson, Clark, and Hart.—Captains Bradford, Phelon, Kirkwood, Price, Swearingan, Tipton, Smith, Purdie, Pratt, Guthrie, Cribbs, and Newman.—Lieutenants Spier, Warren, Boyd, M'Math, Burges Kelfo, Ried, Little, Hopper, and Lickins.—Ensigns Cobbs, Balsh, Chase, Turner, Wilson, Brooks, Beatty, and Purdie.—Quarter Masters Reynold, and Ward.—Adjutants Anderson.—Doct. Grayson.—Wounded. Colonels Gibson and Darke, and Sergeant, Adjutant General.—Major Butler.—Captains Doyle, Trueman, Ford, Buchanan, Darke, and Slough. Lieutenants Groaton, Davidson, De Buts, Price, Morgan, M'Crea, Lytle and Thompson.—Adjutants, Whistler and Crawford.—Ensigns Bines.—The Viscount Malerite, volunteer Aid-de-Camp to Major General St. Clair.

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